

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We are trying to organise a 5 day pilgrimage to Lourdes beginning Friday 2nd September. We will be staying at the Hotel Solitude (full board). The cost is €715. If you are interested please leave your **name** in the sacristy after Mass **this week**.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC :

Its time to dust down the golf bag and get that swing going for the fast approaching Spring. This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday 24th March** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. If its anything like our previous Classics it will be a wonderful day. Our entry form and sponsorship forms will be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support. All of the proceeds this year will be going to support the repayments on our beautiful Parish Centre. For further enquiries contact: Fr. John Daly: 01-8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342; Rita Tighe 087 2868065



CARERS ASSOCIATION: We will be running a new course for Family Carers '**Practical Home Care Skills FETAC Level 5**' starting Wednesday, **16th March** in Blanchardstown Village. The cost is €75. **One Day Stress Management Course** on Friday **25th March** for Family Carers in Blanchardstown Village. €10 donation includes light lunch. For application form and more details on the above courses please phone 01 8119555 or email carersblanchardstown@carersireland.com

LUTTRELLSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

is holding an **Information Evening** for prospective Parents, Students and anyone in the Dublin 15 Community who wishes to find out more about our college, our subjects, our teachers and our vision for the future of the college on **Wednesday, 23rd March** at **7.30pm** in the **Castleknock Hotel**, Luttrellstown Road. Luttrellstown Community College is a relatively new, developing college, gaining an excellent reputation for student-centred education with the highest academic standards

CASTLEKNOCK GAA CLUB are **opening their new pitches** in Somerton (beside the Castleknock Hotel) on the **weekend of the 9/10th April**. All are very welcome to visit the grounds. Anyone interested in playing for Castleknock (at any level/age) just contact our Club Coach Brendan on 085 1329397. Go on, Give it a Go!

CROSSCARE: Carer Support Service—Question & Answer Session with **Educational Psychologist** Grainne McKenna for Parents of children with Special Needs—**Monday 14th March** from **10.30am to 12 noon**. Contact Rosemary on 01 8360011 to book your place. **Parents of Suicide Ireland (PSI) Bereavement Support Group**—This group is for parents of those who have died by suicide. It takes place in Crosscare on **30th March** from **7.30pm to 9pm** on the **last Wednesday** of each month—all parents welcome. Call Rosaleen on 085 1285352. This is an initiative of Suicide Awareness Dublin 15—Phone 085 8182090. For more information on services available in Crosscare Blanchardstown, please see the noticeboard at the back of the church or visit www.crosscare.ie.



DOG FOUND: A Yorkshire Terrier, 3 to 4 years old, well cared for, has been found in the parish. Please phone Paul 086 8283849.

KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the Gospel, please answer the following:

1. How many days did Jesus go into the desert?
2. Who did he meet in the desert?
3. How many times did the devil tempt Jesus?
4. What were the three ways that he tempted Jesus?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: It was not just Jesus who was tempted. We are always being tempted too. It can be hard to resist when we try to do it on our own. Each time Jesus was tempted he turned to God for help. That's why saying our prayers is so important. It is how to turn to God and ask for his help. We should pray especially when we feel tempted to do something wrong. God will be our help and our strength.



Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 13TH MARCH 2011

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Parish Pastoral Committee: Chairperson Bryan Maher

Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson John Sherwood

Parish Child Protection Officers: Michael Stacey & Jackie Sherwood

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

ENTERING THE DESERT

Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, during which time he was tempted by the devil.

But through prayer, fasting, and fidelity to the word of God he overcame the tempter. We too have to face temptation.

Let us reflect for a moment on our temptations and how much we need God's help to resist them.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:

Ellen Spring, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, Fr. Andy McNally and Florence Ahmed and Tony Clayton.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm Maureen Campion M/M
8.30 am Eileen Tobin (Anniv.)
10.30 am John Flanagan R.I.P.
12.00 pm Anne Doolan (20th Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday

10.00 am Ellen Spring (ill)

Tuesday

10.00 am: Joe Shanahan RIP

Wednesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

VIGIL (Wed) 7.00 pm Baby Kate McIlkenny (5th Anniv.)

10.00 am (Thurs) Members of our Families living abroad

Friday St. Cyril of Jerusalem

10.00 am Int. of Tony Clayton (ill)

Saturday: St. Joseph

10.00 am Tim McNerney R.I.P.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm Martin Crotty (2nd Anniv.)
8.30 am Molly McCoy (Anniv.)
10.30 am Eileen Daly (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Christopher O'Connor (Anniv.)

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE

JANUARY 2011

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions €13,620

**(305 regular contributors and a few donations)*

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings € 3,704

Total income for January €17,324

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc € 9,205

Monthly repayment on Parish Loan € 0,000

Total expenditure for January € 9,205

Balance: Surplus of € 8,119

WHAT IS THE PARISH OFFERING? The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections. The only regular income the parish receives is from the **Parish Offering**. We have about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **305** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in January. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. **John Sherwood Chair of Finance Committee**

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Mochta's you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. John. I would also be grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with the parish. These can be found at the back of the Church.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? Are you on the parish data base? If you have not registered with the parish please fill out one of the forms at the back of the church and return it to Fr. John. It is very important that we continue to build our data base and keep it up to date. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE: For all parish enquires please ring our secretary June on 8213218 or email: secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

CONFESSION: The sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

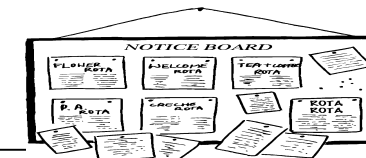


NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Leah, Clíodhna, Daniel and Darragh** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

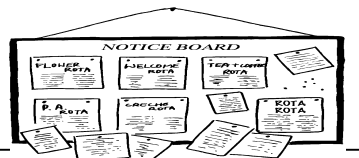
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting takes place this coming **Monday 14th March** at **8.00pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All members are asked to attend.

LEGION OF MARY: Night Vigil Knock Shrine—Feast of the Annunciation. Bus leaves Blanchardstown at **5.30pm** on **Thurs. 24th March**, returning 9am on Fri. 25th March. Intention: Our Youth, Our Church, Our Country. To book a place please phone Michael 01 8217356 / 086 8650708.

COLLECTION FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS: There will be a church gate collection after all masses **this weekend** on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is Ireland's most common life-threatening inherited disease. Approximately 1 in 19 people are carriers of the CF gene and where two carriers parent a child together, there is a 1 in 4 chance of the baby being born with Cystic Fibrosis. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



PARISH NEWS



FEAST OF ST. PATRICK: This coming Thursday is our national feast day. St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the 5th century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland where he worked as a slave. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland about 457 and made a tremendous number of converts. He died in 491. **Masses: Wednesday 16th at 7pm and Thursday, 17th at 10am only.**

MAKING THE MOST OF 40 DAYS: We live lives of tortured complexity. Inside each of us there is both a saint and a sinner. Our hearts are a murky cauldron of grace and sin, angels and demons. Always, it seems, we are torn in a way that leaves us feeling unsure, guilty, and tense. The 40 days of Lent gives us the opportunity, like Jesus, to enter the desert. To go into the desert means to stare our inner chaos in the face. What demons live inside this chaos? They maybe the demons of bitterness, anger, jealousy, lust, deceit, addiction, hatred, distrust, selfishness etc. All these demons are inside every one of us. To stare them in the face is to enter the desert. A scary thing? Yes, but the scriptures assure us that if we muster the courage to face them, God will send angels to minister to us. Let us seize this opportunity to enter the desert. **HOME IS A HOLY PLACE:** Our home is the context in which we live our faith and make our Lenten journey. Discovering a sense of holiness in our homes means looking afresh at all that happens there. We know well our own domestic routines, the pressure points of the day, the times of potential trouble, the moments of joy, the situations which have to be handled delicately, the periods of silence and boredom. During Lent we can look at them afresh and see in each one an opportunity to be prompted, shaped in what we do by the Holy Spirit. We build up this holiness by acting, consciously and deliberately, according to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will move us to be patient for just a while longer; to be generous for yet another few moments; to be honest, yet kind, when it is easier to be silent and deceitful; to overcome the surge of anger; to throw off the blanket of indifference and respond positively to a question or story. The Holy Spirit can help us turn our home into a holy place.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.

The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit.

However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time.

There is much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives, which saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine?

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's passage is Mt 17:1-9.**

READING THE SCRIPTURES: During Lent the scriptures of the day will be left open on a lectern at the top of the church for all to read during the day. It offers us the opportunity to be refreshed, healed and nourished by God's Word when we take time to visit the Lord's house during the day.

PARENTS HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:

The 3rd Parents Preparation Meeting for First Holy Communion will take place in St Mochta's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 15th March 2011** at **8pm**. The meeting will give you, as parents, a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation so you can help prepare your child to receive the Sacrament at the end of March. At least one parent should attend this meeting. If you cannot attend please contact the Parish office at (01) 8213218.



LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2011:

The Theme this year is 'Community Spirit'. The Trocaire Boxes have already been delivered to our schools. Trocaire deeply appreciates the work you undertake each Lent in your home, school and parish. As always your support enables Trocaire to work with the poorest communities in the developing world. Go on take some action.....**TAKE A BOX HOME TODAY....**They are available from the back of the church. Thank you.